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A PERSONAL NOTE: On April 5th we lost a great singer and gentleman I got to know well. **Larry Stevens** died of liver cancer on April 5th. I had the opportunity of playing for Larry when he was at two of our conventions. The highlight of last years convention was when he and Robert White sang When Irish Eyes are Smiling at our Singers panel. **Larry**, we will miss you. His widow, Norma, who also came each year, would like to hear from you at e-mail <SongsbyL@aol.com> or 5810 Oakhill Dr., Santa Maria, CA 93455...One of our collecting friends passed on. **Bill Hornung** died April 22nd. Bill was a frequent attendee at our conventions. If you want you can send condolences to his daughter, Melanie Hornung Baldwin, 1000 Harrison Dr., Laurel, MD 20707 <tomel@erols.com>...**Rosa Rio** is still very active in the Sun City area of Florida. Please send me a SASE if you would like a short article about her she sent me.

REVISED ULTIMATE HISTORY: Just a reminder that this book was originally written in 1992 and is the first and original book listing Network radio programming and the shows that are in circulation.

The Third Supplement to the Revised Ultimate History is available for \$4.50 plus \$1.50 P&H. Supplement #1, 2 and 3 are \$15 plus \$2.00 P&H. #2 and 3 are \$11.50 plus \$1.50 P&H. The complete book including all 3 supplements is \$58 plus \$4 P&H.

The Third Supplement of the Necrology is also available for \$2.00. The complete Necrology is \$14.00 which includes all three supplements.

CONVENTION 2000 (Our 25th): The dates are October 19 – 22 at the Holiday Inn-North, Newark, NJ. Hotel rooms will be the same rate. You might want to try the 800 numbers for the various hotels early for lower rates. They are **Holiday Inn** (1-800-465-4329). As of right now, the management is offering us a price of \$130 for each night including Thursday **Sheraton** (next door) (1-800-325-3535).

Howard Johnson (half-mile away; shuttle service) (1-800-446-4656). The management is giving us a price of \$100 a night. Mention AAA or AARP if applicable.

In any case, reservations MUST be made using the 800 numbers this time. Check regular rates first (AAA or AARP) and then use FOTR rates if they are cheaper.

For our 25th Convention, we are asking members to send in short articles about their favorite and meaningful experiences in previous conventions. These will be put in our convention booklet. You can e-mail or mail them in. They should be less than one page so we can put in as many as possible. Lee Munsick did one last year.

Friends of Old-Time Radio Script Contest

The **Seventh** annual original script writing contest is now open. We would like an original 30 minute script which must be based on any of the great radio programs of the past, such as The Shadow, Suspense, etc. **The only difference this time is that they should not be a comedy.** The script can have the characters originating in their original era and time or you can update the time to today. If you have entered before and you have not won in 2 years, please enter again.

The script must have all music and sound cues as well as all the spoken material. Try to ar-

range it in script form so it doesn't have to be retyped.

The prize for the best script will be \$150 and will have its live performance at our 2001 convention on Thursday evening after dinner. We would like you to attend our convention to participate but it is not mandatory. You can direct it if you wish. There will be some rehearsal time. Scripts must be submitted by **September 1, 2000**. Send to Dave Zwengler, 319 Plymouth Rd., North Brunswick, NJ 08902 (908) 940-7639. A distinguished panel of old-time radio buffs including Arthur Anderson will pick the winning script. They must be very readable. All are eligible so please spread the word.

Winners have been Michael Giorgio, James Nixon, Edgar Russell, III, Donald Dortmund, Joel Senter and Arlene Osborne. This year's winner was **Michael Leannah**.

Will all clubs with newsletters print the above in order to give everyone a chance?

CONVENTION 1999: Convention Booklets are available for \$2.50 including P&H. FOTR Chip clips which we gave out to all registrants are available for \$1.55 including P&H.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: **Jot 'em Down Journal**, Apr; Lum and Abner in Hollywood...**Return With Us Now**, Apr; articles about Radio's Greatest Moments (71 – 80); Tom Mix...**Illustrated Press**, Apr; articles about People Are Funny; more Wartime Plays of Norman Corwin...May; articles about Dr. Christian...**Radio Recall**, Apr; articles about Wizard of Oz; Dragnet...**Space-o-Gram**, Apr; article about Sky King...**RLL on the Air**, Mar; articles about Mel Blanc; Al Jolson...**SPERDVAC Radiogram**, Apr; article about Larry and John Gassman and their radio show they have hosted for 20 years...May; article about Dick Jones; Walter Winchell and the telegraph key...**Tradition**, Mar – Apr; articles about Tom Dooley; Howard Vokes; Hank Snow...**RCA Newsletter**, Mar; article about The Columbia Workshop...Apr: One Man's Family...**NARA News**, Spring; articles about Lux Radio Theater, Ray Erlenborn; More daytime dramas; Hank Snow; Grand Ole Opry ...**Nostalgia Digest**, June – July; articles about Ed Wynn; Our Miss Brooks; Clayton Moore; J Carroll Naish; Howdy Doody; Alfred Hitchcock and Radio; The Pause That Refreshes...**Return With Us Now**, May; article about Japanese Balloons silencing radio in WW II; More of Radio's Greatest Moments...**The Times of Kate Smith Newsletter**, Spring; More Kate Smith material available...**Jot 'em Down Journal**, Jun; more Lum and Abner information.

BOOKS: (Most books can also be purchased at <www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/>, <Amazon.com> or <Barnesandnoble.com>. **Greenwood Publishing Group** (Box 5007, Westport, CT 06881) has published many bio-bibliographies in the performing arts. James Robert Parish is the series editor. 79 have been published. For a list or to order call 1-800-225-5800 or 1-203-226-3571...**Tom DeLong** has written a book called "Stars in Our Eyes." It is a unique compilation of almost 100 Broadway and Hollywood performers who lived in Westport or Weston, CT. They include Mason Adams, Joan Blondell, Ed Bryce, Frances Chaney, many others. Cost is \$35 plus \$3.25 P&H and 6% sales tax for CT residents. Send check to Sasco Associates, Box 335, Southport, CT 06490...**Marvin Bensman**, a frequent contributor to the OTR Digest on the Internet and a professor at the University of Memphis, is the author of **The Beginning of Broadcast Regulation in the Twentieth Century**, a 280-page book from McFarland. Cost is \$35. Call 1-800-253-2187 or 1-336-246-4460. The book covers the crucial 6-year period of 1921 - 1927 for broadcast regulation and licensing of radio operators and transmitting stations.

CONVENTIONS:

Kate Smith Festival X111, June 2 – 4, Lake Placid Resort, Lake Placid, NY. For information contact Sarah De Natale, 157 Tacoma Ave., Buffalo, NY 14216.

20th Anniversary of the Midwest Radio Theater Workshop, June 5 – 10 at William Woods Univ., Fulton, MO. For information contact Sue Zizza, 115 Dikeman St., Hempstead, NY

11551 (516) 483-8321

16th Annual Lum and Abner Convention June 23 – 24 in Mena, Arkansas at the Lime Tree Inn. For information contact Tim Hollis, 81 Sharon Blvd., Dora, AL 35062 (205) 648-6110

REPS Radio Showcase V111, June 30 and July 1 at the Seattle Center, Seattle Washington. Contact Mike Sprague, Box 723, Bothell, WA 98041 (425) 488-9518

25th Old-time Country Music Contest and Festival, Aug 28 – Sep 3 at Pottawattamie Country Fairgrounds in Avoca, Iowa. For information contact Bob Everhart at Box 438, Walnut, IA 51577 (712) 762-4363.

25th Friends of Old-time Radio Convention, Oct 19 - 22 at the Holiday Inn-North, Newark, NJ; For information contact Jay Hickerson, Box 4321, Hamden, CT 06514 (203) 248-2887 <JayHick@aol.com>

17th Annual SPERDVAC Convention, Nov 10 - 12 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, LA. More details later.

THE INTERNET: Many of my subscribers are on the Internet. A list was started in November of 1995. A complete alphabetical list can be obtained by sending me a SASE. If you want to get on the mailing list for the Old Time Radio Digest (Round table) on the Internet, e-mail to this address: <old.time.radio-request@oldradio.net>...To get on Charlie Summers Old Radio Mailing list email <oldradio-request @oldradio.net>: Charlie's mailing list is a moderated one dedicated to Old Radio between the 1920's and the end of 1962.

WEB SITES: Various OTR Web sites will be posted. All begin with <http://www.> Let me know what yours is: **Lou Genco** (many collectors have their sites here including Vintage Broadcasts; Ted Davenport; Ed Carr; Fred Berney) <old-time.com>...**Jim Widner** <otr.com> (Radio Days)...**Metro Golden Memories** <mgmemoories.com>... **BCR (Bob Burnham)** <brcradio.com/>...**Ted Kneebone** <otrsite.com/kneebone>...**Jerry Haendiges** <otrsite.com/radiolog/index.html>...**John Cooper** <angelfire.com/wv/otrmagic/index.html> ...**Australian Film and Sound** <Screensound.gov.au>...**Owens Pomeroy (Golden Radio Buffs)** (not www) <members.aol.com/grbmd>.. **OTR Digest** <www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/>

LOGS: **Duffy's Tavern Log** is now available from Martin Grams, Jr. Cost is \$10.00 plus \$3.20 P&H. Included is the log of This is New York. (MG, Box 189, Delta, PA 17314). Included is other related information about Duffy's Tavern and Ed Gardner.

CATALOGS AND NEW SHOWS (All addresses first): **McCoy's Recording** (Pat McCoy), Box 1069, Richland, WA 99352...**Jerry Haendiges**, 13808 Sunset Dr., Whittier, CA 90602 <JHaendiges@aol.com> ...**Roger Hill's "Nothing's New"** #23 Bayhill Shopping Center, San Bruno, CA 94066 (650) 871-6063...**Vintage Broadcasts** (Andy Blatt), Box 50065, Staten Island, NY 10305 (1-800-418-1445)...**Radio Memories** (Ted Davenport), 1600 Wewoka St., North Little Rock, AR 72116 (501) 835-0465...**Great American Radio (GAR)** (Garry Kramer), Box 504, Genesee, MI 48437...**Rainy Day Books**, Box 775, Fitzwilliam, NH 03447 (603) 585-3448...**Metro Golden Memories**, 5414 W. Addison St., Chicago, IL 60641 (1-800-538-6675)...**AVPRO** (Don Aston), Box 1392, Lake Elsinore, CA 92531 (1-888-3328776)...**Radio Spirits**, Box 2141, Schiller Park, IL 60176...**Redmond Nostalgia Co.** (David Kiner), Box 82, Redmond, WA 98073...**SPERDVAC Library** (Box 7177, Van Nuys, CA 91409)...**Travis Conner**, 1311 Avon Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45229 <connertm@cinternet.net>...**John Barber**, 1318 Dauphine St., New Orleans, LA 70116...**Vintage Audio** (Tom Martin), 461 Maple Ave., Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 (518) 584-1112 <Thomasmartin2@compuserve.com>...**John Cooper** Rt 1 Box 371, Clarksburg, WV 26301 <Mysto99@aol.com>...**Gordon Payton (The Scifi Guy)**, #114 E Cuthbert Blvd., Westmont, NJ 08108 <thescifiguy@juno.com>...**Satellite Video Production (Fred Berney)** Box 638, Walkersville, MD 21793 (1-800-747-0856) <Berney@fred.net>

All listings below list sampling of shows.

The new 2000 Scifi Guy Catalog is now available. It is 30% larger and contains dozens of never before available Australian productions, more plot descriptions, the latest BBC productions....ALL with full plot descriptions, an unbelievably detailed and up to date listing of Dr. Who productions, a dozen new hard to find series, as well as, many recent discoveries of Witch's Tales, Creaking Doors, Inner Sanctums, and other popular science fiction and supernatural series. It can be obtained for free as an email attachment in Word 7.0 format ONLY, by sending a request to thescifiguy@juno.com. The paper version can be obtained by sending \$10 (deductible from your first order) to: **Gordon Payton "The Scifi Guy"** 114 East Cuthbert Blvd. F-1 Westmont, NJ 08108.

Many more videos and OTR at **Nothing's New**. Had a nice letter from Roger Hill... **Vintage Broadcasts**, Mar - Apr; Lights Out, Father Knows Best, Jack Pearl, The Whistler... **John Barber** sent a list of more scripts and radio shows for sale... **Great American Radio**; May; Hop Harrigan; Academy Award Theater; Railroad Hour.

NEW FRIENDS AND RETURNEES: **Ray Flatow**, 176 Seeley St. #6A, Brooklyn, NY 11218... **Peter Funnell**, 54 Wilkins St., Bellevue, West Aust. 6056, Australia... **Bruce Raleigh**, 8273 Burning Bush, Grosse Ile, MI 48138.

IN FOND MEMORY: **John Houseknecht**, Mar 18, 88; Jack was a sound man for NBC and attended one of our early convention with his wife, Clare (Honeychile) Hazel... **Pee Wee King**, Mar 7, 86; Composer, singer. Had own radio show from 1952 – 1953... **David Starling**, Feb 22, 84; west coast announcer and newscaster... **Bill Hanson**, Apr 4, 72; one of the hosts of Music Till Dawn; With WTIC in Hartford for many years... **Claire Trevor**, Apr 8, 91; actress (Big Town)... **Carl Watson**, Apr 17, 90; was at NBC in NY; manager of Broadcast Standard Dept... **Bob McFadden**, Jan 7, 76; spokesperson for Pepperidge Farm following Parker Fennelly.. **Douglas Fairbanks, Jr.**, May 7, 90; actor; in many radio anthology shows including Lux... **Florence Freeman**, Apr 25, 88; main serials she was in were Young Widder Brown and Wendy Warren and the News. She performed in a re-creation of Young Widder Brown at our convention... **John Gielgud**, May 21, 96; One of our greatest actors (many anthology shows on radio)

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Write if you get work; and hang by your thumbs

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Kate Smith Festival XIII

JUNE 2 - 4, 2000

Lake Placid Resort, One Olympic Drive, Lake Placid, NY 12946
Phone: (518) 523-2556

It is with extreme pleasure that we extend this invitation to you, your family and friends to attend Kate Smith Festival XIII. We have enjoyed twelve great festivals and now look forward to another one in Lake Placid. Please read the following information very carefully and make your reservations early so that you can be a part of an enjoyable and entertaining weekend.

Please complete the enclosed reservation form and make your check payable to: **Sarah A. Di Natale**. Send your reservation form and check to: **Sarah A. Di Natale, 157 Tacoma Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14216**. **Reservation deadline is April 1, 2000.** No reservations can be accepted after the deadline date.

Your Festival weekend reservation will include: **Lodging:** Friday and Saturday nights. **Meals:** Friday night dinner; Saturday full breakfast, Refreshment break, Lunch and Dinner; Sunday full Breakfast and Lunch. Gratuity and tax included. Complimentary Scenic Boat Cruise of Lake Placid during regular tour hours. The hotel provides complimentary use of the indoor pool, health spa, putting green and private beach on Mirror Lake. For your convenience, the hotel rooms have a coffee maker, refrigerator/freezer and microwave.

Check-In Time: 4:00 PM Friday

Check-Out Time: 11:00 AM Sunday

Important Cancellation Notice: The cancellation deadline is **MAY 1, 2000**. Any cancellations, changes and/or no-shows after **May 1, 2000** **will result in the forfeiture of \$107 per room.**

Additional Nights: **(Thursday, June 1 and/or Sunday, June 4)** If your travel plans make it necessary for you to arrive early (Thursday) and/or depart late (Monday), the hotel provides a special rate of **\$64.00 plus 7% tax per night (\$68.48)** - single or double accommodations. If you wish to request the extra night/s stay, please indicate on the reservation form and provide the name of your major credit card, the number and the expiration date. **These additional nights will only be reserved for those who have made requests for such.** At the time of your arrival at the hotel, you will be requested to present your credit card for payment for the additional night/s stay.

Room Upgrades: Upgrade to a Lakeview room (subject to availability) is an additional **\$20.00 plus 7% tax (\$21.40) per night**. If you are interested in a Lakeview room, please indicate on the reservation form. **You will be responsible for this additional charge at check-in time at the hotel.**

Room Assignments: The hotel assigns us a block of non-smoking rooms. However, if it is necessary for you to have a room in a certain area of the hotel (i.e., lower floor, smoking area, etc.), please state it on the reservation form. The hotel will try to satisfy your needs but there is no guarantee that all requests will be granted.

Special Menu Items: If you are a diabetic, vegetarian or one who has special needs, please advise us on your reservation form. The hotel will try to have some selections on the menu to fulfill your needs.

THE PEMCO/REPS RADIO SHOWCASE VIII Seattle June 30-July 1 2000

**Including Norman Corwin
Directing "My Client Curly"
Featuring Alan Young**

Around the theme "OTR Treasures," the Showcase will again be held in the shadow of the famous Space Needle in the Northwest Rooms at the Seattle Center on June 30-July 1.

According to Showcase Co-chair Mike Sprague "In addition to the great Treasures of returning OTR friends, we're honored that Norman Corwin will be with us directing one of his classic programs. He was and is a treasure to actors and fans from the Golden Age."

Two Other Stars At First Showcase

Along with Mr. Corwin at his first Showcase, we will be joined by two first time attendees, each making a very rare convention appearance:

Jack Edwards: brother of honorary member Sam; a veteran of shows such as *I Love a Mystery*, *Escape*, *Michael Shane* and many more.

Jane Webb: wife of Jack Edwards; *Chicago* and *Los Angeles* radio-Tom Mix, *Those Websters*, *Aunt Mary*, *The Truitts* +++

Returning Treasures!

REPS has been blessed with a returning "Company" of friends each year. We have confirmations from all of the following Treasures!

Douglas Young (*Cisco Kid*, *The Whistler*)
Alan Young (*The Alan Young Show*, *Mr. Ed*)
Rhoda Williams (*Father Knows Best*, *Lux*)
Anne Whittfield Phillips (*P. Harris*, *OMF*)
Janet Waldo (*Corliss Archer*, *The Jetsons*)
Ginny Tyler (voices-radio, TV, movies)
Gil Stratton, Jr. (*Life W. Luigi*, *Those Websters*)
Norma Jean Nilsson (*Jack Carson*, *Father K. Best*)
Tyler McGee (*Fibber McGee*, *Glamour Manor*)
Jo Anna March (*The Second Mrs. Burton*)
Merrill Mael (*Vic & Sade*, *Dr. Kate*)
Art Gilmore (*Frank Race*, *Dr. Christian*)
Esther Geddes (*The Magic Garden*, music)
Ray Erlenborn (*Blondie*, *Al Pearce Show*)
Herb Ellis (*Dragnet*, *Adv. of Nero Wolfe*)
Sam Edwards (*Corliss Archer*, *Six Shooter*)
Stewart Conway (OTR sound effects artist)
Frank Buxton (author, actor, director)
Dick Beals (*The Lone Ranger*, *Green Hornet*)
Harry Bartell (*Sherlock Holmes*, *Ft. Laramie*)

The (probable) Program
Re-creations are being considered based on our guests' work in the Golden Age. Obviously subject to change:

My Client Curly, *Vic & Sade*, *Dr. Christian*, *Aunt Mary*, *I Love A Mystery*, *Suspense* (Sorry, Wrong #)...Romance
Panels may include:

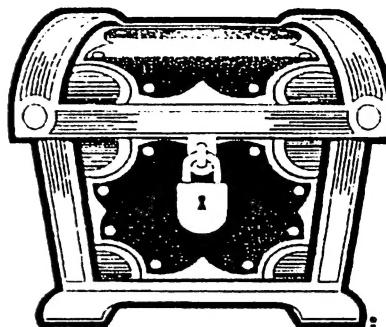
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Address _____

Phone _____ email _____

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Friday only	\$18	\$24
Saturday-Day only	\$35	\$40
Saturday-PM only*	\$35	\$40
Saturday-Day and PM*	\$69	\$79
Entire program Fri. and Sat.*	\$77	\$89
Box Lunch	\$ 9	\$ 9
Total	\$ _____	\$ _____

*Includes Dinner With the Stars Banquet-with Golden Age Treasures seated at most tables.

**Guests of members pay member registration rate

Mail with checks payable to Showcase VIII: Frank Denton, 14654 8th Ave. SW, Seattle, WA 98166

An acknowledgement letter with our probable schedule and directions will be sent to all registrants.

Hotel Information

The hotel this year is newly opened and new for the Showcase. It is located just 4/10 of a mile from our meeting rooms with free shuttle service. Rooms have microwaves and a small fridge. Underground, free parking. \$99 plus tax for a single or double. The hotel will hold rooms at this rate until 6/5.

Comfort Suites, 601 Roy St., Seattle, WA 98109

800-228-5150 Refer to "REPS" group

Stay in touch with Showcase developments at repsonline.org

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